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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
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[redacted] who has in the past furnished insufficient information to determine his reliability, advised on February 20, 1967, that [redacted] was [redacted] introduced to Borgio Arcacha Smith, the head of the Cuban Democratic Revolutionary Front. [redacted] stated in subsequent conversations with Smith the possibility was discussed of purchasing explosives, firearms, P-T boats and jet aircraft. Smith, [redacted] said, was especially interested in purchasing machine guns, antipersonnel mines, a 2MM Swiss Solohren Rifle and automatic M-2 .30 caliber carbines. [redacted] said Smith was discussing the possibility of obtaining medical supplies such as blood plasma, drugs and the like.

[redacted] discussed Smith's proposition and, during the discussions, recalled some prior information that they had gained concerning an explosive cache. [redacted] said they had learned [redacted] that in Houma, Louisiana, there were large stores of explosives in some old magazines. [redacted] stated he could not recall the name of the individual who told him about the explosives, but the magazines had been pointed out to him near the drag strip, which was an airplane runway on an old base. He advised, as he recalls, the base was called the Houma Air Base and his original information indicated the magazines contained oil company explosives.

[redacted] said [redacted] related to Smith it was his understanding plugged automatic weapons could be purchased from a firm in

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the North and new barrels for these weapons could be purchased from a West Coast firm. [redacted] told Smith he had also determined the possibility existed that he could purchase surplus Canadian Vampire Jets at the cost of $3,000 each.

[redacted] said Sergio Arcacha Smith displayed numerous photographs and documents relating to the atrocities being committed by the Castro regime in Havana, Cuba, and the Isle of Pines. [redacted] He advised that it became apparent the plans of this group were becoming more and more complicated. [redacted] told Smith the whole plan was far too complicated. [redacted]